About 20 per cent of Delhi children surveyed were found to have goitre. In the Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh, 43.8 per cent boys and 54.9 girls have been found to have goitre. The percentage of children who developed goitre in Nanpur village is 66.9 per cent.

(c) The Government has launched a massive programme for iodisation of the entire supply of salt in the country in a phased manner to be completed in 1992.

Cancellation of trips to India by the tourists

*300. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that approximately one lakh tourists had to cancel their trips to India last year as they were unable to get bookings by Air India/I.A.;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VOHRA): (a) Air-India and Airlines are not aware of the number of tourists who had cancelled their trips to India last year due to their inability to get booking with these airlines.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Recommendations of the Committee of the Planning Commission on Tourism

@2517. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations of the Committee of the Planning Commission on tourism headed by Shri Mohammed Yunus; and

(b) what is Government's reaction to this report?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) The National Committee on Tourism, set up by Planning Commission, has made several recommendations which can be classified into the following three categories:

1. A package of incentives for motivating private sector investment in tourism related activites.

2. Re-organisation of the Department of Tourism, India Tourism Development Corporation and the training institutes under the Department of Tourism.

3. Strategy for rapid augmentation of air and group transportation capacity.

The recommendations of the Committee are being examined by the Government.

Ban on product on of edible salt without Iodine

@@2518. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to put a ban on the production of edible salt without Iodine; and

(b) if so, by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The

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@@Previously unstarred Question 1500, transferred from the 8th August, 1988.